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Operational activities for development: South-South cooperation for development**Report of the Second Committee***

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I. Introduction

1. The Second Committee held a substantive debate on agenda item 24 (see A/66/445, para. 2). Action on sub-item (b) was taken at the 21st and 35th meetings, on 24 October and 17 November 2011. An account of the Committee's consideration of the sub-item is contained in the relevant summary records (A/C.2/66/SR.21 and 35).

II. Consideration of proposals**A. Draft resolutions A/C.2/66/L.2 and A/C.2/66/L.46**

2. At the 21st meeting, on 24 October, the representative of Argentina, on behalf of the States Members of the United Nations that are members of the Group of 77 and China, introduced a draft resolution entitled "South-South cooperation" (A/C.2/66/L.2), which read:

"The General Assembly,

"Reaffirming its resolution 64/222 of 21 December 2009, in which it endorsed the Nairobi outcome document of the High-level United Nations Conference on South-South Cooperation,

"Recalling its resolutions 33/134 of 19 December 1978, 57/270 B of 23 June 2003, 60/212 of 22 December 2005, 62/209 of 19 December 2007, 63/233 of 19 December 2008, 64/1 of 6 October 2009, 64/221 of 21 December 2009 and other resolutions relevant to South-South cooperation,

* The report of the Committee on this item is being issued in three parts, under the symbol A/66/445 and Add.1 and 2.



"Recalling also the 2005 World Summit Outcome,

"1. Takes note of the report of the Secretary-General on the state of South-South cooperation;

"2. Decides to hold the seventeenth session of the High-level Committee on South-South Cooperation from 29 May to 1 June 2012, preceded by an organizational meeting on 15 February 2012 to elect the President and Bureau of the seventeenth session of the High-level Committee;

"3. Also decides to include in the provisional agenda of its sixty-seventh session the sub-item entitled 'South-South cooperation', and requests the Secretary-General to submit at that session a comprehensive report of the state of South-South cooperation."

3. At its 35th meeting, on 17 November, the Committee had before it a draft resolution entitled "South-South cooperation" (A/C.2/66/L.46), submitted by the Vice-Chair of the Committee, Bitrus Vandy Yohanna (Nigeria), on the basis of informal consultations held on draft resolution A/C.2/66/L.2.

4. At the same meeting, the Committee was informed that the draft resolution had no programme budget implications.

5. Also at the same meeting, the representative of Yemen, in his capacity as facilitator of draft resolution A/C.2/66/L.46, made a statement during the course of which he orally corrected the draft resolution (see A/C.2/66/SR.35).

6. Also at its 35th meeting, the Committee adopted draft resolution A/C.2/66/L.46, as orally corrected (see para. 18).

7. In the light of the adoption of draft resolution A/C.2/66/L.46, draft resolution A/C.2/66/L.2 was withdrawn by its sponsors.

B. Draft decisions A/C.2/66/L.3 and A/C.2/66/L.47

8. At the 21st meeting, on 24 October, the representative of Argentina, on behalf of the States Members of the United Nations that are members of the Group of 77 and China, introduced a draft decision entitled "Pérez-Guerrero Trust Fund for South-South Cooperation" (A/C.2/66/L.3), which read:

"The General Assembly, recalling its resolution 38/201 of 20 December 1983, its decision 41/457 of 8 December 1986, and its resolution 64/222 of 21 December 2009 endorsing the Nairobi outcome document of the High-level United Nations Conference on South-South Cooperation, decides to rename the Pérez-Guerrero Trust Fund for Economic and Technical Cooperation among Developing Countries as the Pérez-Guerrero Trust Fund for South-South Cooperation."

9. At its 35th meeting, on 17 November, the Committee had before it a draft decision entitled "Pérez-Guerrero Trust Fund for South-South Cooperation" (A/C.2/66/L.47), submitted by the Vice-Chair of the Committee, Bitrus Vandy Yohanna (Nigeria), on the basis of informal consultations on draft decision A/C.2/66/L.3.

10. At the same meeting, the Committee was informed that the draft decision had no programme budget implications.
11. Also at the same meeting, the Committee adopted draft decision A/C.2/66/L.47 (see para. 19, draft decision I).
12. In the light of the adoption of draft decision A/C.2/66/L.47, draft decision A/C.2/66/L.3 was withdrawn by its sponsors.

C. Draft decisions A/C.2/66/L.4 and A/C.2/66/L.48

13. At the 21st meeting, on 24 October, the representative of Argentina, on behalf of the States Members of the United Nations that are members of the Group of 77 and China, introduced a draft decision entitled "United Nations Day for South-South Cooperation" (A/C.2/66/L.4), which read:

"The General Assembly, recalling its resolution 58/220 of 23 December 2003, decides that, beginning in 2012, the observance of the United Nations Day for South-South Cooperation be changed from 19 December to 12 September, to mark the day in 1978 when the United Nations Conference on Technical Cooperation among Developing Countries adopted the Buenos Aires Plan of Action for Promoting and Implementing Technical Cooperation among Developing Countries."

14. At its 35th meeting, on 17 November, the Committee had before it a draft decision entitled "United Nations Day for South-South Cooperation" (A/C.2/66/L.48), submitted by the Vice-Chair of the Committee, Bitrus Vandy Yohanna (Nigeria), on the basis of informal consultations on draft decision A/C.2/66/L.4.
15. At the same meeting, the Committee was informed that the draft decision had no programme budget implications.
16. Also at the same meeting, the Committee adopted draft decision A/C.2/66/L.48 (see para. 19, draft decision II).
17. In the light of the adoption of draft decision A/C.2/66/L.48, draft decision A/C.2/66/L.4 was withdrawn by its sponsors.

III. Recommendations of the Second Committee

18. The Second Committee recommends to the General Assembly the adoption of the following draft resolution:

South-South cooperation

The General Assembly,

Reaffirming its resolution 64/222 of 21 December 2009, in which it endorsed the Nairobi outcome document of the High-level United Nations Conference on South-South Cooperation,¹

Recalling its resolutions 33/134 of 19 December 1978, 57/270 B of 23 June 2003, 60/212 of 22 December 2005, 62/209 of 19 December 2007, 63/233 of 19 December 2008, 64/1 of 6 October 2009, 64/221 of 21 December 2009 and other resolutions relevant to South-South cooperation,

Recalling also the 2005 World Summit Outcome,²

1. *Takes note* of the report of the Secretary-General on the state of South-South cooperation;³

2. *Decides* to hold the seventeenth session of the High-level Committee on South-South Cooperation from 22 to 25 May 2012, preceded by an organizational meeting on 3 May 2012 to elect the President and Bureau of the seventeenth session of the High-level Committee;

3. *Also decides* to include in the provisional agenda of its sixty-seventh session the sub-item entitled "South-South cooperation", and requests the Secretary-General to submit at that session a comprehensive report on the state of South-South cooperation.

¹ Resolution 64/222, annex.

² See resolution 60/1.

³ A/66/229.

19. The Second Committee also recommends to the General Assembly the adoption of the following draft decisions:

Draft decision I

Pérez-Guerrero Trust Fund for South-South Cooperation

The General Assembly, recalling its resolution 38/201 of 20 December 1983, its decision 41/457 of 8 December 1986, and its resolution 64/222 of 21 December 2009, in which it endorsed the Nairobi outcome document of the High-level United Nations Conference on South-South Cooperation,¹ decides to rename the Pérez-Guerrero Trust Fund for Economic and Technical Cooperation among Developing Countries the "Pérez-Guerrero Trust Fund for South-South Cooperation".

¹ Resolution 64/222, annex.

Draft decision II
United Nations Day for South-South Cooperation

The General Assembly, recalling its resolution 58/220 of 23 December 2003, decides that, beginning in 2012, the observance of the United Nations Day for South-South Cooperation will be changed from 19 December to 12 September, to mark the day in 1978 when the United Nations Conference on Technical Cooperation among Developing Countries adopted the Buenos Aires Plan of Action for Promoting and Implementing Technical Cooperation among Developing Countries.¹

¹ *Report of the United Nations Conference on Technical Cooperation among Developing Countries, Buenos Aires, 30 August-12 September 1978* (United Nations publication, Sales No. E.78.II.A.11 and corrigendum), chap. I.